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Community News

WHO TO CALL

City Hall/Utilities 817-444-2541
 Police/Fire 911
 (Non-emergency) 817-444-3221
 Animal Control 817-444-8215
 Permits 817-444-4128
 Public Library 817-444-7216
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CITY HOLIDAYS

Azle Municipal Offices will close:

PRESIDENTS' DAY February 18
GOOD FRIDAY April 19

Police and Fire services will be available by calling (817) 444-3221, or 9-1-1 in case of emergency. For water/sewer emergencies, please call (817) 444-3221.

Community Waste Disposal will run their regular trash route on these holidays.



Message from the Mayor

We finished 2018 strong with some pretty big accomplishments.

- Two new Council members were elected - Brian Conner and Corey Wynns.
- Azle voters reauthorized the Street Maintenance Sales Tax for another four (4) years. Since its inception, \$5.48 million has been spent improving our streets. Streets are a never ending battle, but I think we are winning the war.
- Work was begun on our new City Hall and Police Station, and the project is being funded without any increase to the tax rate.
- Speaking of our Police Department, they achieved "recognized" status, making it the 138th agency in the State of Texas to be so recognized.
- The School Resource Police Officer program was expanded and there are now four (4) full-time police officers in the Azle schools.
- Development in the City continues with 125 new home permits issued, and the opening of the 224-unit Reata West Apartment complex.

The New Year is shaping up to be very exciting for the City of Azle!

The big thing everyone has been waiting for is the completion of SH199. The new section will be open in February and the remaining portion through Lake Worth is schedule to be started in 2020.

- The new City Hall and Police buildings will be completed this year, and I hope that will encourage redevelopment of the Main Street area.
- Be sure to check out our "Welcome to Azle" sign on the Normandy Bridge.
- Three (3) additional Firefighter/EMT positions were added to the budget.
- Using our Street Maintenance funds, Lamplighter Ct, Sportsman Park Rd, Lakewood Dr and Kerry Ln will be improved.
- Can you believe our "new" Azle Memorial Library turned 10 years old this year? They will be celebrating with special events through March.
- Our new Park Master plan was recently approved with a five-year plan to increase the amenities in our City, which include installing a splash pad at Central Park and increasing walking/hiking trails throughout the City.

Azle continues to grow with plans for three (3) separate housing developments totaling 423 lots, along with the completion of a 197-unit senior living complex, Legacy Oaks. We have a full time Economic Development Director that helps guide growth in Azle. Growth is coming whether we want it or not; and Council/Staff are doing all we can to guide the growth to make sure it complements our city. We must remember we are shaping the future of our city and we need to do all we can to protect that future.

I am very excited about the positive changes made in Azle since I moved here in 2001. And I am even more excited about what's to come! Working together, we will continue the improvements and make everyone proud to call Azle home. When I speak of the "City", I am talking about all that live here and not the building on the hill. You are what makes up the city; the Council and myself are just here as your representatives to do what's best for the citizens. Feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns and let's make 2019 the best year yet in the City of Azle!

Alan Brundrett, Azle Mayor

Public Meetings

City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Agendas are posted the Friday before a meeting on the website and on the bulletin board at City Hall. Agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes of previous meetings are available on the city website.

Other Monthly Meetings

Planning & Zoning meets the first and third Thursday of the month.

Crime Control & Prevention District meets the second Thursday of each month.

Municipal Development District meets the second Tuesday of each month.

Parks & Recreation meets the third Monday of each month.

**Meetings listed above are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 613 SE Parkway.*

Library Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1pm in the Azle Memorial Library.

Filing Period Open for Place on Azle City Council

The City of Azle will hold a General Election on May 4, 2019 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three Councilmembers to Places 3, 4, and 6 for a two-year term expiring May 2021. Those interested in running for a place on the Azle City Council have from January 16 - February 15, 2019 to file for candidacy. Azle City Council members are elected at-large for two-year terms.

For additional information, contact Yael Forgey, City Secretary, at (817) 444-7101 or visit the city website, (www.cityofazle.org).



CommunityWasteDisposal.com

New Garbage Rates go into effect February 1, 2019

Beginning February 1, 2019, Azle residents/business owners will see an increase in their garbage/recycle rates. (Current residential rate \$16.32 – new rate \$17.25/month) The City's contract with CWD allows for an annual market adjustment each February 1st based on the percent of increase in the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all DFW Urban Consumers as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Additionally, landfill costs have increased. The new garbage service rates are available on the City's website at www.cityofazle.org or a hard copy is available at City Hall.

Azle residents benefit from a variety of waste disposal options - twice a week solid waste, once a week recycle (option to choose either 65 gal cart or 18 gal bin), once a week bulk item collection, once a month bulk brush, and a twice a year "X-treme Green Event" that is held as part of the city-wide clean up. Azle residents have the option to choose either a 65 gallon blue cart or an 18 gallon bin for their recycle needs. If you would like to switch to a 65 gallon cart, please complete the form available on the front page of the city website and return to Customer Service.

The X-treme Green Event gives Azle residents a convenient way to dispose of their household hazardous waste, e-waste, metal appliances, tires, and on-site document shredding. **The 2019 X-treme Green Events are scheduled for May 5 and September 22.**



Free recycled paint for Azle residents



In an effort to continue our recycling efforts, the City and CWD created a remix paint program by blending the usable paint collected at Azle's X-Treme Green Events and offering the recycled paint (latex & oil-based) **FREE** to Azle residents. Paint is available in one (1) gallon containers and comes in various shades of beige. Paint is available at Azle City Hall, 613 SE Parkway.

The City of Azle does not guarantee the purity, quality, consistency, etc of the paint distributed.

The City of Azle and CWD are committed to helping our residents keep the community clean and preserving the environment for future generations. For questions or concerns regarding your solid waste collection, please contact Community Waste Disposal at 817-795-9300.

**** For guidelines regarding garbage collection, visit the City's website.**

VISIT US ONLINE AT
WWW.CITYOFAZLE.ORG

Scan for more information
on what's happening in
the City of Azle.



Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

March 22 - Azle Area Chamber of Commerce Clay Shoot The Annual Clay Shoot is held at the Fossil Pointe Sporting Grounds. It is a fun event for members, spending an afternoon networking and promoting their business. Contact the Chamber office for more details 817-444-1112

April 5 & 6 - Servolution Good Neighbors Blitz

The plan is to revitalize 5 homes in one weekend! To learn more about how to Sponsor, Donate Services or Materials, or Volunteer please visit their website at:

<https://servolutionnetwork.com/good-neighbors/>

April 27 - Community Caring Center 2019 Taste Tour

International mouth-watering delights, amazing houses, tantalizing refreshments and more! Check out the Community Caring Center Facebook page for more details <https://www.facebook.com/AzleCommunityCaringCenter/>



March is Texas SmartScape™ Month! SmartScape™ Month is a regionally coordinated effort to promote the water conservation, pollution prevention, recycling, composting, and waste reduction principles of Texas SmartScape™. These principles offer a variety of advantages for local ecosystems and homeowners' wallets. SmartScape™ methods not only add aesthetic value, but also contribute to the control of temperature, erosion, and invasive species while providing a habitat for a variety of pollinators.

These methods also mitigate the excessive amounts of fertilizer and water required by conventional lawns, which can harm local bodies of water and the wildlife that rely on them.

By incorporating Texas SmartScape™ plants and strategies into your lawn care routine, you have the potential to save money, time, water, and reduce harmful chemical use. SmartScape™ approved plants are native and adapted to the Texas climate and need less water and fertilizer to thrive in the intense heat of Texas summers. In addition, the Texas SmartScape™ program encourages proper design, care, and maintenance techniques to better protect the environment. Since March kicks off landscaping season, this is an excellent time to turn your yard into a resilient and attractive SmartScape™ yard by planting native and adapted plants. *Plant with a Purpose* and turn your lawn into a Texas SmartScape™! For ideas, resources and tools go to www.txsmartscape.com

City Street Sweeping begins March 18

Waste Partners will sweep curb and gutter streets in Azle the week of Monday, March 18. We ask residents to help by removing from the street; vehicles, basketball backboards and trash cans. Moving your car off the street on sweep day is very important. Leaving a car parked on the street means that an area of almost 3 car lengths will be left unswept.



City Job Opportunities

Do you want to serve your community and have a rewarding career in our growing and thriving city? Maybe you or someone you know would be a perfect fit for our current open positions. Use the quick link on front of the City's website and take a look at our employment opportunities. The website is updated as positions become available - so visit often!

VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.CITYOFAZLE.ORG

Azle Memorial Library News and Events

333 W. Main St. / 817-444-7216

Discover more about the Library, plus a calendar of events at: www.azlelibrary.org

LIKE us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/azlelibrary

Winter Reading

Our FREE Winter Reading Program for children, teens and adults is officially underway. Earn raffle tickets towards prizes and help us reach our community goal to read 350,000 pages by February 28!

Book Clubs

Adults are invited to join us for our two monthly book clubs! Visit the website or pick up a newsletter in the library for upcoming titles.

Non-Fiction Addiction: Meets the first Thursday of each month at 6 PM.

Main Street Book Club: (Fiction) Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 PM.

What's Cookin'?

Love to cook? Want to explore new techniques and recipes? Join us for our bi-monthly cooking class at the Library! Each class includes free recipes and samples. Second Monday of every other month at 4:30 PM in the Library Community Room.

AARP Tax-Aide

AARP will be offering FREE individual tax preparation for adults (regardless of age) from February 1 through April 12. Appointment required—call the Library at 817-444-7216.

Free Monthly Programs Just for Kids!

ARTastic: Children ages 5-12 are invited to discover their inner creativity through different types of art. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:30 PM in the Library Community Room.

LEGO Club: Everyone is invited to come build with LEGOS! Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4 PM.

READ to a Dog: Children of all ages can read to a certified reading therapy dog on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 2-3:30 PM.

Spring Break at the Library!

Visit our website or facebook in March to see the line-up of fun, free Spring Break events just for kids!

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10th Anniversary

2019 marks the 10-year anniversary of the Azle Memorial Library building! We invite you to help us celebrate January through March as we offer FREE programs and an anniversary reception.

1/22/19 Book Bingo for Adults - Join us for a fun night of bingo, food, and prizes--and pick up suggestions for your next great read! 6 PM in the Library Community Room - adults only.

2/2/19: All About Animals - Join us at 1:30 PM in the Library Community Room for a fun program for children and families featuring live animals! See these extraordinary animals up close while learning all about them!

2/16/19: Adult Spelling Bee - Round up your crew and test your spelling skills! Teams (consisting of 1-6 people, ages 18+) must register with the Library by 2/13/19 to participate. Takes place at 2 PM in the Library Community Room. The top team advances to the Regional Spelling Bee to compete against patrons from other area libraries (Date TBA).

2/26/19: Adult Craft Night - Join us for a fun night of crafting as we create DIY photo displays. No registration needed. Adults only. 6 PM in the Community Room.

3/5/19: Musical Trio Performance - All ages are invited to an evening of music performed by three talented Fort Worth Symphony musicians! Begins promptly at 6 PM in the Library Community Room.

3/30/19: Anniversary Reception - The entire community is invited to our come-and-go anniversary reception from 1 to 3 PM. Explore the Library and enjoy refreshments and music.



Special giveaways and drawings at each anniversary event!